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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Raymon F. THOMPSON *et al.*

APPLICATION No.: 10/691,688

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EXAMINER:

ART UNIT: 2824

CONF. No: 6612

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Before examination on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

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Please amend the specification as follows:

As shown in the Replacement Specification Paragraphs marked up to show changes, on the attached specification sheets, various minor changes have been made throughout the specification. These changes are made primarily to clarify the description by more precisely directing the reader to the appropriate drawing figure.

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Corresponding changes have been made to several of the drawing figures. No new matter has been added.

In the Drawings:

Please amend Figs. 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 16, 17, and 19-21, as shown in the attached "Annotated Marked-up Drawings." The changes to Figs. 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 16, 17, 20, and 21, all add element numbers and lead lines to designate an element already designated by the same number in a different figure in the application as filed. These changes are intended to clarify the description, by more comprehensively indicating elements described in the detailed description of the specification, in all of the drawings. The change to Fig. 14 adds axis 105, shown in Figs. 6, 7, and 8, in the application as filed. The change to Fig. 19 corrects a drawing error, by changing "104" to "114."

In the Claims:

Please add new claims 24-26, as shown on the attached claim sheets which include all pending claims.

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